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COUNTRY:

British Guiana

DATE 18 Dec 53

SUBJECT:

Jagan's Ouster: Reason and Timing,  
According to an Indian Acquaintance

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Following is a summary of Colikera's remarks on British Guiana as given that evening: Jagan is not a Communist, although his wife is. He is a nationalist reformer who will accept help from any quarter. He developed his political ideas on the sugar estates where worker conditions are deplorable and are the source of underlying social and political tensions. Jagan came into office promising reforms and when he found himself blocked by the sugar estate owners, he decided to resign. His resignation was calculated to be a dramatic gesture of protest casting the UK and the local sugar interests in the role of stubborn enemies of the people. UK authorities learned of this plan, feared that it might cause serious disturbances, and forestalled Jagan by throwing him out before he could make his announcement.

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